

# MPP Reed attacks Hydro energy audits

## 30 Years Ago

The provincial government's plans to have Ontario Hydro conduct the free energy audits promised in its recent budget have come under attack from Liberal MPP Julian Reed as being salesmanship to promote the continued use of electricity. In a statement issued Monday by his office, the Halton-Burlington MPP and Liberal energy critic contended the special loans promised to homeowners who switch from oil heating to some other form of energy will apply "for the most part" only to those who switch to electricity.

Representatives from the Halton Board of Education and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) announced Friday morning contract negotiations will continue between the two organizations in August or early September. The two sides have been negotiating since February with the contract due to expire this August.

There is a critical shortage of skilled workers in Canada and government measures are not ending the shortage, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid told the Commons Monday night. Training is of generally good quality, but there is not enough of it, said Mr. McDermid, and Canada can no longer rely on im-



## The Sands of Time

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porting skilled workers.

## 20 Years Ago

Over 2,000 voices spontaneously, and loudly, singing "Happy Birthday to Canada" was a moving highlight of Georgetown's celebration of Canada's 104th birthday. So successful was the evening that the humorous comment "the 24th of May fireworks should always be held on July 1" has frequently been heard. The town and the Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion are considering the idea, and may make it an annual event.

By a vote of 52 to 48 per cent, Halton County Secondary school teachers voted to reject a wage offer recommended for acceptance by their own executive of the District 9, O.S.S.T.F. The 827 teachers voted last Thursday, rejecting the second wage offer made by the board.

A new mind-bending drug being sold to Halton teens was called "very dangerous" by an of-

ficial connected with the Halton office of the Drug Addiction Research Foundation who called The Herald last week to issue the warning. Mrs. Peggy Palmer, the foundation's field worker in Halton said the drug has just arrived in her territory and is being sold by the street name "PCP" short for Phencyclidine.

## 10 Years Ago

The Georgetown District High School Board has been given the green light from Ottawa to proceed with the proposed million dollar technical wing it was learned this week in a telephone conversation from Ottawa between the Herald and Halton's representative in the House of Commons, Sandy Best.

Georgetown will need a sixth public school soon but just where it will go won't be known until a study of the available site is made by council. Mayor Hyde broke a four-four recorded vote deadlock to favor a study of the school situation by the council

# Washing soda is back in vogue

Hundreds of articles have appeared in the last year teaching Canadians how to clean their homes with environmentally friendly products. Most have mentioned a mysterious cleaner with an old-fashioned name - washing soda - but almost none of these articles have said what it is or how to use it.

Washing soda is not the same as its more familiar cousin, baking soda. It has many similar properties, but it is stronger.

Washing soda is traditionally used in the laundry as a gentle, easy-to-use and yet highly effective alternative to bleach, spot removers and other laundry boosters. However, washing soda

has many other uses. Its strength is its ability to remove greasy dirt - and that makes it an excellent choice for many housecleaning chores - cleaning kitchen and bathroom surfaces, walls, things made of plastic, garage floors, even BBQ grills. The list of ways you can use good-value washing soda to get your home spotless seems endless.

### Why Washing Soda?

Until World War II, many women regarded washing soda as an essential cleaning product. But after the war, a host of 'new and improved' wonder cleaners were introduced. Decades of advertising have convinced con-

sumers that, to keep their homes clean, they need a variety of specialized cleaners which may contain harsh chemicals.

Environmentally conscientious consumers can now turn to washing soda for the laundry and general housecleaning. In the laundry, washing soda is a natural water softener with biodegradable cleaning agents. It does not contain NTA or phosphate which can stimulate algae growth, and it has no bleach.

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after a lengthy debate on whether or not the public school board should do their own picking.

## 5 Years Ago

Two doctors who spoke at a public forum last Wednesday night didn't have to worry about preaching to the converted. Doc-

tors Elliot Halparin and Boyd Hoddinott had plenty of questions from people asking why they were opposing Bill 94. Nevertheless, the crowd of about 70 people were far from hostile and many comments from the audience supported the doctors in fighting the ban on extra-billing.

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